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Mr. Guy G. McConnell
Professional Staff Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Guy:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of 4 September 1973 concerning the trip you and [] made last month. I am glad you found the trip useful and I especially appreciate your high assessment of the people with whom you visited.

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It is my opinion that visits to our overseas installations by members of our Subcommittees and their staffs serve a twofold purpose. Your letter points out very effectively the benefit which you derived from your sessions with our people, and that obviously is the primary reason for such travel. But George's talks with me about your trip, and reports I have received separately, make it clear that such visits are also extremely helpful and informative to the personnel whom you visit.

Through both their official and social contacts with you they learn, firsthand, that our Subcommittees and their staffs are made up of extremely competent people who are genuinely interested in what the Agency is doing and how effectively we are doing it. They are also reassured that insofar as our congressional committees are concerned the Agency's interests on the Hill are in very good hands.

Thank you, also, for your warm personal remarks. I look forward to a close relationship with you as well as with the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee in the days ahead.

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Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

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Director

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